U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of VICTOR R. McDANIEL <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, RED RIVER ARMY DEPOT, Texarkana, Tex.

Docket No. 97-2420; Submitted on the Record; Issued July 8, 1999

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before MICHAEL J. WALSH, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, BRADLEY T. KNOTT

The issue is whether appellant has met his burden of proof in establishing that his medical condition was causally related to factors of federal employment.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issues involved, the contentions of appellant on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the April 11, 1997 decision, of the hearing representative of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

The decisions of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated April 11, 1997 and October 16, 1996 are hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. July 8, 1999

> Michael J. Walsh Chairman

Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member

Bradley T. Knott Alternate Member